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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page 13 and continuing on page 14 with the following:

a1 - In the diaper 1A, the bulging line 7e extending on the skin-facing sheet 7 in the longitudinal direction is received in the cleft of the wearer's buttock as the diaper 1A is worn. In this way, the bulging line 7e limits movement of the skin-facing sheet 7 in the transverse direction and thereby prevents the skin-facing sheet 7 from moving sideways.

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page 18 and continuing on page 19 with the following: